GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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LIGHT COMBAT HELICOPTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) plans to build a Light Combat Helicopter; and

(b) if so, the details of the Project and the likely date of its completion?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The government has accorded sanction in October, 2006 for the design and development of Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) to meet the need of combat helicopter of Indian Air Force (IAF). Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) has undertaken the design and development programme of the Project. The Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) for service deployment by IAF is planned by November, 2010.